
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Executive Order 36

CONTINUING THE GOVERNOR'S INITIATIVE AGAINST NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING (GIANT)

By the virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and Section 2.2-103 of the *Code of Virginia*, and subject to my continuing authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby continue the Governor's Initiative Against Narcotics Trafficking (GIANT).

There exists within the Commonwealth of Virginia, as in every other state, a continuing traffic in illicit drugs. While valiant efforts have been made and continue to be made by federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to overcome this illegal drug trafficking, the effort has not been fully coordinated. By continuing GIANT, I hereby take action to prevent these problems and to continue a leadership team that will make the Commonwealth's efforts against illegal drugs second to none.

The following agencies and individuals shall comprise the steering committee for this effort:

<i>Agency</i>	<i>Individual</i>
Department of State Police	Superintendent (Chair of GIANT)
Department of Military Affairs	Plans, Operations, and Military Support Officer
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control	Director, Bureau of Law Enforcement Operations
Department of Aviation	Director

<i>Agency</i>	<i>Individual</i>
Marine Resources Commission	Commissioner
Virginia Port Authority	Chief
Department of Forestry	State Forester
Department of Game and Inland Fisheries	Director

In order to carry out the mission of GIANT, all agencies listed except the Department of Forestry and Department of Aviation shall participate on a full-time basis, and shall assign personnel and equipment as determined by the steering committee. The Department of Forestry and Department of Aviation shall participate on a part-time basis and shall assign personnel and equipment as needed.

The steering committee of GIANT shall establish procedures to facilitate and assure coordination and cooperation among the various agencies. Such procedures shall be directed toward:

- Developing intelligence pertaining to domestically grown marijuana, both indoor and outdoor, with the eradication of this marijuana and successful prosecution of the growers as a primary goal;
- Developing intelligence concerning the smuggling into Virginia by the use of contacts to monitor all suspicious activities throughout the Commonwealth;
- Reducing the supply of illegal drugs entering and being transported within the Commonwealth by interdicting drug shipments via land, air and waterway;
- Eliminating duplication of activities and breakdowns in communication among the various state agencies and law enforcement authorities; and
- Using the resources of county and city law enforcement agencies to the maximum extent possible.

The GIANT steering committee shall meet at the call of the Chair. Regular meetings may be established for the purpose of ensuring that any operational difficulties may be remedied on an ongoing basis.

All other agencies of the Commonwealth not specifically named herein shall cooperate with and provide assistance to GIANT to the fullest extent allowed by law and consistent with their various missions.

This Executive Order rescinds Executive Order Number Twenty-one (98), issued by Governor James S. Gilmore on June 29, 1998.

This Executive Order shall become effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2006 unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 18th day of September 2002.

Mark R. Warner, Governor

Attest:

Secretary of the Commonwealth